

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Hiram Hammond Farm/House (Cloverfields) Inventory Number: QA-126  
Address: US 50/MD 213 & Starr Grange Hall Road (nw corner) Historic district: yes ☒ no  
City: Wye Mills/Queenstown Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Queen Annes  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Wye Mills  
Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Prepared By: DOT/FHWA/E. Elinsky  
Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: 12/3/1979  
Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Hiram Hammond House is architecturally significant as an unaltered example of federal style architecture of the second quarter of the 18th c. in the county, featuring a hall and parlor plan, and original, interior trim with outstanding integrity. The smokehouse is also a contributing element of the farm, conveying the historical significance of the plantation, in continuous agricultural use since the 17th c.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

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MHT Comments: Federal DOE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Carol D. Schull (Keeper of NR)

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Reviewer, National Register Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Monday, February 11, 1980

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

QA-126  
Hiram Hammond Farm  
Wye Mills vicinity  
Private

circa 1830

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hiram Hammond farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Northwest corner U. S. 50 and Maryland Route 213

CITY, TOWN

Wye Mills

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☐ ACCESSIBLE  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jesse N. Dodd

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

RD 3, Box 238

CITY, TOWN

Seaford

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Delaware 19973**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 125

Folio #: 630

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   | DATE _____  |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hiram Hammond farm is located immediately to the northwest of the intersection of Maryland Route 213 and U. S. Route 50 near Wye Mills.

The early house on the Hammond farm is of brick construction, 2½ stories high, three bays wide and two rooms deep, with paired brick chimneys on one gable end and two dormer windows on either side of the broad pitched gable roof. A frame two story wing projects from the east end of the rear facade.

The front facade faces south, toward Wye Mills. It is carefully ordered, with the entrance in the east bay on the first floor and two six-over-six windows to the left of the door, three six-over-six windows on the second floor, and a pair of six-over-six pitched roof dormers on the third floor. Three-over-three cellar windows are located directly below all three first floor openings. The paneled entrance door is set in an opening with paneled soffit and jambs, and is further enhanced by a three-light transom. The outline of an early entrance

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

porch remains visible, but this was replaced in the late 19th century with an open one-story porch with chamfered and bracketed posts. This porch stretches across all three bays on the first floor. The brickwork on this facade is laid in Flemish bond above a five-course bond foundation. The window openings have splayed brick jack arches, and a corbeled brick cornice is still visible, though now partially hidden by a modern box cornice.

The east gable is laid entirely in five course bond. There are two six-over-six windows on the first floor, and three on the second floor. The center window on the second floor is somewhat lower to allow for the interior stair. A double-arched window opening is centered in the upper gable; and is now fitted with one-over-one sash. This opening shows evidence of alterations, and was originally wider and was probably rectangular. A bulkhead cellar entrance is located at the north end of this facade. The gable eaves are boxed in.

The rear facade is partially covered by the later frame wing, leaving only the west two bays visible. Six-over-six windows remain in both bays on the first

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

and second floors, and there are three-over-three cellar windows below each first floor opening. There are two dormer windows on the third floor. The brickwork on this facade is five-course bond.

The paired brick chimneys rise on the west gable, projecting about five inches from the wall surface, with corbeled shoulders at the second floor level. There are two six-over-six windows on the first and second floor, placed outside the chimneys, with the wall surface between the chimney's left blank. On the third floor, a pair of four-over-four windows are located between the chimneys, and a small window opening, now blocked, is centered in the upper gable. Three-over-three cellar windows are located directly below the first floor openings. The brickwork on this facade is also five-course bond. The upper portion of the rear chimney has been rebuilt in recent years.

The interior plan consists of a large side hall along the east wall of the house, with two parlours to the west. The stair is in a rather unusual position, pulled forward away from the rear wall of the hall, and rising to a landing near the center of the hall, then turning 90 degrees and rising to the second floor. The rear portion of the hall,

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

beyond the stair, was later partitioned off and now serves as an informal workroom, with a desk and chairs. The stair has an open string carriage with ornate stair brackets and raised paneling below. The first section of the ballustrade is not original, but is typical of the Victorian period, with heavy turned newels, turned ballusters, and a heavy walnut rail. The original ballustrade survives on the rest of the stair, and consists of a simple continuous rail with fine turned newels and delicate tapered ballusters. The stair brackets are similar but more modest than those found on the first floor.

A large double door leads from the first floor hall into the front or south hall, which is in turn connected to the rear parlour by an even larger double door opening. There is a fireplace with an original mantel centered on the west gable wall. The mantel is of late Federal style, consisting of a board surround with plain pilasters, plain sideblocks and frieze, and a heavily molded shelf that employs a combination of Federal and Greek Revival profiles. The rear parlour is virtually identical, and displays a matching mantel and trim. A single paneled door



## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.4 DESCRIPTION

opens into the hall. All of the original interior trim survives on this floor, and is typical of the second quarter of the 19th century. The window and door architraves are deeply reeded, with bullseye corner blocks. The window openings are splayed, and both the doors and windows have paneled soffits and jambs. The rear door in the hall now serves as access to the wing, but the original architrave, paneled soffit and jambs, and stone sill have all survived, while the transom remains in place but is now covered from view.

The second floor plan reflects the central placement of the stair, with two large heated chambers to the west of the hall and a single small, unheated chamber at either end of the hall.

Each of the large west chambers is heated by a fireplace on the center of the gable wall. These retain the original mantels, which are typical of the late Federal period and are less elaborate versions of those found on the first floor. The door architraves are somewhat unusual, consisting of ogee-astragal backbands applied to a rabbeted and beaded fascia board. The window architraves lack corner blocks,



## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.5 DESCRIPTION

and have shallow grooves rabbeted into plain fascia boards. Both the door and window openings have paneled soffits and jambs, and the window openings are splayed.

The stair continues up to the third floor, but the upper portion of the stair hall has been closed in to conserve heat, and the third floor is now used only for storage. The plan is similar to the second floor, but the fence walls reduce the overall size of all four chambers. The entire third floor is finished with plaster applied to machine sawn lathing secured with machine nails. The large southwest chamber has a very small fireplace, while the northwest chamber bears evidence of a blocked stove flue, but the smaller chambers to the east were never heated. The door architraves are very plain and are painted a dull grey-green which appears to be the original coat of paint and closely resembles the third floor trim color at Lansdowne (QA-87). An original metal box lock with brass knobs survives on the door to the southeast chamber.

The cellar repeats the first floor plan, with brick bearing walls below each first floor partition. There is a large cooking fireplace, now blocked, on

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.6 DESCRIPTION

the west wall of the northwest room, and an arched chimney base in the southwest room. A wide, beaded batten door mounted on a heavy beaded frame and some original built-in shelving survive in the southwest room. Brick paving is still evident in the "hall" and the northwest room. The ceilings are plastered, and above the cellar stair some of the plaster has fallen, exposing an interesting array of lathing, all secured with machine nails. In addition to a random mixture of both machine sawn and hand split lathing are scraps clearly scavenged from the refuse of the finish carpenters working upstairs. These scraps include beaded strips probably left over from door architraves, and strips with double mortise holes that clearly were cut off of interior paneled doors when they were trimmed to fit.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

PREHISTORIC  
1400-1499  
1500-1599  
1600-1699  
1700-1799  
X 1800-1899  
X 1900-

— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
— ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
— AGRICULTURE  
X ARCHITECTURE  
— ART  
— COMMERCE  
— COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

— COMMUNITY PLANNING  
— CONSERVATION  
— ECONOMICS  
— EDUCATION  
— ENGINEERING  
— EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
— INDUSTRY  
— INVENTION

— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
— LAW  
— LITERATURE  
— MILITARY  
— MUSIC  
— PHILOSOPHY  
— POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

— RELIGION  
— SCIENCE  
— SCULPTURE  
— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
— THEATER  
— TRANSPORTATION  
— OTHER (SPECIFY)

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

6/11/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

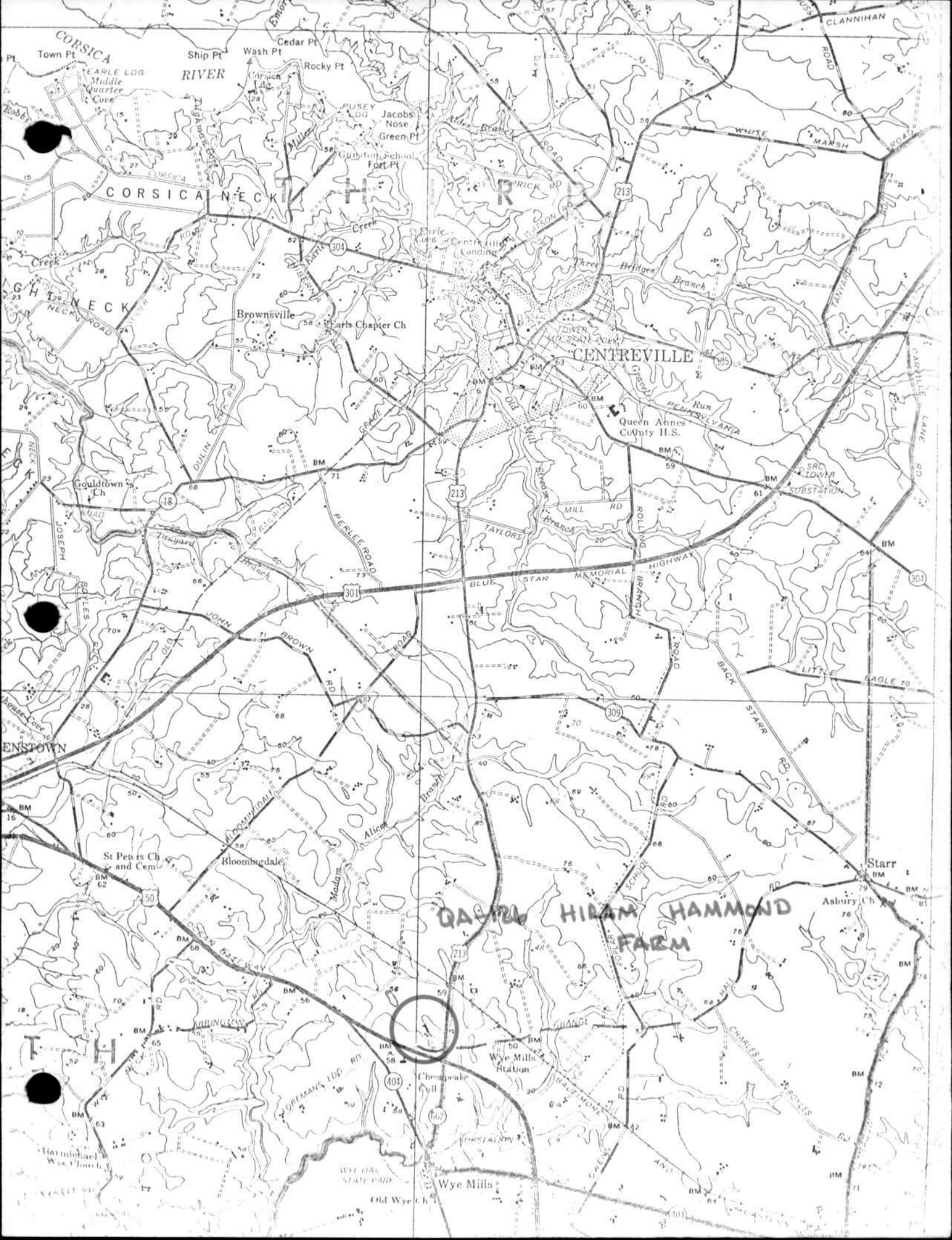
Maryland 21617

Field Book QA-IX, Recorded May 18, 1979.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438









QA-126 Hiram Hammond Farm  
Wye Mills vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
View from Southeast



QA-126 Hiram Hammond Farm  
Wye Mills vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
View from Northwest



QA-126    Hiram Hammond Farm  
          Wye Mills vicinity  
          Orlando Ridout V    1981  
          Front (southeast) facade



QA-126   Hiram Hammond Farm  
          Wye Mills vicinity  
          Orlando Ridout V   1981  
          Meat House